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Date: 05/16/2014 08:26 PM
Subject: Pismo Preserve letter for May 20, 2014 meeting

Board of Supervisors,
Attached is letter of support for the Pismo Preserve project from Morro Coast Audubon Society.
Thank you for your consideration,
Doug Tait, Conservation Chair



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From: "P. D. Smith" <pdscoco@aol.com>
To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 05/18/2014 09:26 AM
Subject: Pismo Preserve

Can't make the meeting on Tuesday, but want you to know I am totally in favor of supporting our county with keeping it green for the tourist trade and all residents.

Please vote for the 1.1 million allocation for this purpose. This is a once in a life time possibility to save land for the residence.

Thank you so much.

Penny Smith
22 year resident of Arroyo Grande

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From: Janet Haley <jlhaley@gmail.com>
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Date: 05/19/2014 07:47 AM
Subject: Pismo Preserve

Honorable Board Members:

Please support the funding asked for by thr SLO Land Conservancy for the Pismo Preserve.
We support this project and have put our money where our mouth is through a small donation

We ask that you do the same.

Thank you,

Janet Haley

Member, Atascadero Horsemens Club

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From: "Carol Ann Stephens" <carolanns@charter.net>
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Cc: <kailad@lcslo.org>
Date: 05/19/2014 08:29 AM
Subject: Pismo Preserve -- a new regional park with BIG opportunities!

Dear San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors:

I have lived in the County since 1978, and have worked in the wine industry for many years. I have seen first hand how visitors coming into tasting rooms are looking for outdoor activities while they are visiting our county. People visiting from urban areas come to San Luis Obispo County precisely because we still have beautiful natural areas, ranches, vineyards and provide a glimpse into something other than wall to wall housing developments.

I am an avid hiker and can easily see how the purchase of the proposed Pismo Preserve will create far reaching benefits for the business community, wine industry, be appealing to county residents, and attract visitors from other areas.

I encourage you to support the recommendation from the Park Commission. Please use \$1,100,000 from your Public Facility Fees to create a world class area for thousands to enjoy. This is an opportunity that should be seized!

Sincerely,
Carol Ann Stephens

May 16, 2014



San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
1055 Monterey Street, Suite D430
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County acquisition of the Pismo Preserve

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Morro Coast Audubon Society, MCAS, appreciates this opportunity to comment on the proposed Pismo Preserve public open space. This project complements our Mission Statement, "To promote the appreciation, conservation, and restoration of ecosystems focusing on the biological diversity of birds, other wildlife and their habitats, particularly in San Luis Obispo County."

MCAS, representing over 1,200 members across San Luis Obispo County, strongly supports the creation of the Pismo Preserve and encourages the Board of Supervisors to provide the requested funding by the Land Conservancy to assist in the purchase of this unique open space preserve.

The benefits of this project are clear. Creating the Pismo Preserve will:

- Boost the local economy by creating a new attraction for the area's tourism industry.
- Preserve scenic view sheds.
- Support healthy, active lifestyles.
- Enhance our SLO County quality of life.
- Safeguard precious drinking water.
- Provide accessible outdoor recreation opportunities for underserved residents of the Five Cities region.

And of course, MCAS is encouraged that this permanently protected land will benefit the flora and fauna by safeguarding areas of native oak woodland, coastal scrub, maritime chaparral, sycamore/willow riparian corridors, and a section of Pismo Creek.

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The acquisition of the Pismo Preserve will allow the Land Conservancy to protect and enhance these natural resources through conservation and restoration efforts which ensure refuge for our native birds and other wildlife.

These numerous and worthy benefits, coupled with the fact that this project is consistent with the Parks and Recreation Element of the County General Plan should be noted. The Parks and Recreation Element have several policies that align well, and support, the Pismo Preserve project such as:

Recreation Goals, Objectives and Policies, Goal #2, Objective B. Provide new and expanded recreation within the County consistent with the Parks and Recreation Project List and the County's funding.

Policy 3.1: Provide equitable distribution of recreation throughout the County. . .provide new or expanded recreation in those areas that have limited park acreage and/or recreation opportunities in relation to population density.

Policy 3.3: Seek joint-use agreements, volunteer, and other partnership opportunities to augment recreational services and reduce project costs.

Objective C: Provide a viable multi-use trail system which is protective of private property interests and public resources.

Policy 3.7: Shall consider as the highest priority those trail projects which: (4) will be popular due to their length and location; (7) include a funding source; (8) minimize costs of development and maintenance.

The SLO County Parks and Recreation Commission has the desire to move this project forward by placing "Assist in the Purchase of Pismo Preserve" onto the Priority Projects List, endorsed the purchase of the Pismo Preserve as worthy of local and regional agency support, and has recommended that the Board of Supervisors provide \$1.1 million to assist in the purchase of the preserve.

MCAS encourages the Board of Supervisors to move this project forward, and to support this worthy project with the requested funding. This small investment, of the total project cost, will provide huge dividends for San Luis Obispo County.

Respectively submitted,

Doug Tait, Conservation Chair
Morro Coast Audubon Society

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